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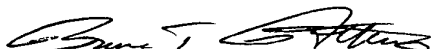## THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS

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AMENDMENT

Hon. Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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In response to the Office Action dated October 4, 2002 and made final, in light of the
Advisory Action dated February 6, 2003, and in furtherance of the Request for Continued
Examination submitted herewith, please amend the above-identified patent application as
follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph [0014] with the following paragraph:

[0014]   In one embodiment, program history log 14 comprises entries or records 16 of
an identifiable type. In another embodiment, program history log comprises a more general
event or security program history log 18 (shown in Figure 2), which includes records 16 of an
identifiable type and other general event records 20. In yet another embodiment, program
history log 14 is contained in a separate memory element 22 within meter 10. In each of these
embodiments, parameters of meter 10, including but not limited to, for example, selections of
quantities for load profiles, real-time pricing schedules, and time of use metering mode
parameters are programmed into meter 10. Programming of meter parameters is performed, for